

**CBO's Estimate of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Effects of H.R. 961, the Justice for Juveniles Act, as posted on the website of the Clerk of the House on June 21, 2021**  
<https://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20210621/BILLS-117hr961-SUS.pdf>

|                      | By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2021-2026 | 2021-2031 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | 2021                                | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 |           |           |
|                      | <b>Net Increase in the Deficit</b>  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |           |
| Pay-As-You-Go Effect | 0                                   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         | 1         |
| <b>Memorandum:</b>   |                                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |           |
| Changes in Outlays   | 0                                   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         | 1         |
| Changes in Revenues  | 0                                   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0         | 0         |

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. The net changes in outlays and revenues that are subject to those procedures are shown here.

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Estimates relative to CBO's July 2021 baseline; estimated budget authority equals outlays.

H.R. 961 would allow juvenile prisoners in federal custody to file suit in federal court for grievances concerning prison conditions without first exhausting administrative remedies. As a result, CBO expects that enacting the bill would increase the number of suits filed by inmates against the Bureau of Prisons, some of which would likely result in a settlement paid from the Judgement Fund. CBO estimates that payments from the fund would be insignificant in any year and would total \$1 million over the 2021-2031 period.

The federal judiciary charges fees to file suit in district court. Those fees are recorded as revenues and can be spent without further appropriation. CBO expects that the number of additional suits filed each year under the bill would be small and the resulting change in revenues would be insignificant over the 2021-2031 period.

Taken together, enacting the bill would increase the deficit by \$1 million over the 2021-2031 period.